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REMARKS

Applicant has now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of November 14, 2007. Claims 4, 16 and 26-27 remain pending with claims 4, 16 and 26 being independent claims. By this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 4, 16 and 26 and new claims 31-37 have been added. Support in the specification for the amendment to claims 4, 16 and 26 may be found in Figs. 3 and 5; page 4, line 19 through page 5, line 15; and page 6, line 29 through page 7, line 13. Support in the specification for new claims 31-37 may be found in the same passages as well as page 5, line 33 through page 6, line 14.

Claims 4, 16 and 26-27 remain in this application and are believed to be in proper condition for allowance. Review and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested.

Rejection of claims 4, 16, 18, 26 and 27 under 35 USC 102(b) based upon Minami

Claims 4, 16, 18, 26 and 27 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,034,963 to Minami. In response, Applicant has amended claims 4, 16 and 26 to more clearly distinguish the claims over Minami.

Claim 4 has been amended to recite that extracting pertinent information includes generating a decoded signal corresponding to input packet offset of a received data packet word; selecting between the decoded signal and data pertaining to the device and generating a selection output signal based upon the selection; comparing at least a portion of the received packet word to the selection output signal; and indicating to the device that payload data corresponding to the received data packets is valid based upon the comparison. Applicants respectfully submit that Minami fails to show the generating, selecting, comparing and indicating as now recited in claim 4. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 4 is believed to be unanticipated by and

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allowable over Minami.

Relatedly, claim 16 has been amended to recite that the filter includes a pattern generator providing a decoded output signal corresponding to input packet offset of a received data packet word, a selector selecting one of the decoded output signal and data pertaining to the peripheral device, and circuitry comparing at least a portion of the received data packet word to an output of the selector and generating at least one signal indicating acceptance of a successfully received data packet based upon the comparison. Applicants respectfully submit that Minami fails to show or suggest a pattern generator, mask generator, selector and circuitry as claimed. As a result, claim 16 is believed to be unanticipated by and allowable over Minami.

Claim 26 has been amended to recite a packet generator having a pattern generator providing a first decoded signal corresponding to outgoing packet offset, and a selector selecting one of the first decoded signal, information pertaining to the peripheral device and outgoing payload data. Minami is not believed to discuss a pattern generator as claimed. As a result, claim 26 is believed to be unanticipated by and allowable over Minami.

Conclusion

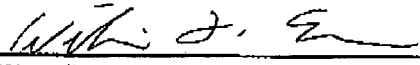
Applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal

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communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone or email the undersigned at the numbers provided.

Respectfully submitted,



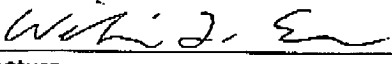
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